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LOK SABHA

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INDIGENOUS COW BREEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian cow breeds are on the verge of extinction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b) No Sir.As per 1 ih Livestock Census 2003, the country has 160.50 million indigenous cattle out of the total cattle population of 185.18 million. In order to hnprove the genetic makeup of bovine population and availability of indigenous cattle, the Government of India has initiated a major programme National Project for Cattle and Buffalo breeding (NPCBB) in October 2000 in two phases of five years each. In addition, the Government of India is also implementing three Central Sector Schemes Viz. Central Cattle Breeding Farms(CCBFs), Central Frozen Semen production & Training Institute (CFSP&TI) and Central Herd Registration Scheme (CHRS) for the development of bovine population.